

House Resolution No. 2123

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State couples who have admirably demonstrated the strength, depth, and vitality of their love through the longevity of their marital vows; and

Whereas, fifty years ago Paul E. Stiens took the lovely hand of his beautiful bride, the former Margaret Mattson, as the two pledged their troth during a solemn wedding ceremony which was performed on April 23, 1955, by Father Malachy Riley, OSB, at Immaculate Conception Basilica in Conception, Missouri; and

Whereas, five decades later Paul and Margaret Stiens of Maryville will observe their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary with a Mass of Thanksgiving at Saint Gregory Barbarigo Catholic Church followed by a reception at the Maryville Community Center; and

Whereas, the marital union of Paul and Margaret Stiens has been richly blessed with the love and affection of their children, Debbie and Harlan Allen, Paul and Brenda Stiens, Cliff Stiens, Peggy and Larry Wilmes, and Mary Boyles; twelve grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Paul Stiens is a retired farmer who served with the 370th Armored Infantry during the Korean Conflict, and Margaret Stiens has developed and maintained an exemplary reputation as a homemaker; and

Whereas, Paul and Margaret Stiens will use the occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary to reflect on the many changes which have occurred in their lives, in society, and around the world since the blessed day they became husband and wife; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives pauses in its diverse daily activities in order to recognize such stellar citizens as Paul and Margaret Stiens during momentous times in their lives:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive marriage engaged in by Paul and Margaret Stiens and to convey to them this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes as they celebrate their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Paul and Margaret Stiens of Maryville, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Brad Lager
District No. 4

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2123, adopted April 13, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker